IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0062] at page 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0062] Then, the ECT-ECU 100 detects the state of operation, such as the input and output rotation speeds of the automatic transmission 200, the working oil pressures of the friction engagement elements, etc. (S110). If the starting condition has been met (YES at S112), the ECT-ECU 100 calculates the slip rotation speed of the lockup clutch 122 ~~(S144)~~ (S114). If the calculated slip rotation speed is greater than or equal to the reference rotation speed (YES at S116), the ECT-ECU 100 sets the calculated slip rotation speed as a target slip rotation speed (S118). As the downshift progresses, the input and output rotation speeds of the automatic transmission 200, the working oil pressures of the friction engagement elements, or the like are detected (S122). If the converging condition has been met (YES at S124), the ECT-ECU 100 gradually converges the target slip rotation speed to the steady target rotation speed (S126). After that, the ECT-ECU 100 sets the steady target rotation speed as a target slip rotation speed, and continues the lockup slip control during the steady run.